

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing voicemail messages, the method comprising:

transcribing a plurality of voicemail messages to produce a plurality of voicemail message transcripts;

indexing the plurality of voicemail ~~messages~~ message transcripts;

providing the plurality of voicemail message transcripts to one or more users;

receiving at least one selection action from the one or more ~~of the~~ users, the at least one selection action identifying at least a portion of one or more of the voicemail message transcripts for delivery to one or more parties identified by the one or more users; and

providing the ~~selected~~ identified portion of the one or more voicemail message transcripts to the one or more parties specified by the one or more users.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein audio files of the voicemail messages are provided to the one or more parties specified by the one or more users, the audio files corresponding to solely the portion of the voicemail message transcripts ~~selected~~ identified by the one or more users.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~selection~~ identified portion of the one or more voicemail message transcripts comprises a plurality of non-contiguous portions of the one or more voicemail message transcripts.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more voicemail message transcripts are provided as audio files selected from at least one of an mpx format, a .WAV format, a REAL Audio format ~~and~~ or an ~~mpg~~ mpx format.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more voicemail message transcripts include at least one audio files file, the at least one audio file containing only contain audio corresponding to of the portion selected identified by the one more users.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the ~~selected~~ identified portion of the one or more voicemail message transcripts comprises providing the ~~selected~~ identified portion in an electronic mail message to the one more parties.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the electronic mail message includes an attachment of an audio file corresponding to the ~~selected~~ identified portion.
8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
  - processing a plurality of speech files to produce a plurality of indexed speech file transcripts;
  - receiving a request to deliver selected portions of at least one of the indexed speech file transcripts to one or more intended recipients; and
  - providing the selected portions of the at least one of the indexed speech file transcripts to the one or more intended recipients, ~~wherein the selected portions are provided in both a text and an audio format.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein processing the plurality of speech files to produce a plurality of indexed speech file transcripts comprises:
- receiving the plurality of speech file transcripts;
  - ~~performing~~ performing automatic speech recognition upon the speech files; and
  - indexing the speech files.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the speech files are voicemail messages.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving a request to deliver selected portions of at least one of the indexed speech file transcripts to one or more intended recipients comprises:
- providing a selection facility to allow ~~the~~ selection of non-contiguous portions of the at least one of the indexed speech file transcripts.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, ~~wherein providing the selected portions of the at least one of the indexed speech file transcripts to the one or more intended recipients;~~ wherein the selected portions are provided in both a text and an audio format.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ audio files are provided as attachments to one or more electronic mail messages provided to the one or more intended recipients.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the plurality of speech file transcripts are included as text within one or more electronic mail messages provided to the one or more intended recipients.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the text is placed within ~~the~~ a body of the electronic mail messages.
16. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
transcribing a plurality of speech messages;  
indexing the plurality of speech messages;  
providing a selection facility for at least one of the plurality of speech messages;  
receiving, from a user, a selection of at least a portion of the at least one speech message; and  
providing the selected portion to one or more ~~users~~ parties specified by the user.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein transcribing the plurality of speech messages is performed by automatic speech recognition.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the selection facility allows ~~the~~ a selection of noncontiguous portions of the speech message.
19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the at least a portion of the at least one speech message is less than a selection of the entire speech message.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein providing the selected portion to one or more users comprises:  
creating an electronic mail message containing, in an audible format, only the selected portion ~~in an audible format~~.

21. (New) A system for processing voicemail messages, the system comprising:
  - a message database to receive and store the voicemail messages;
  - an automatic speech recognition component to perform speech recognition on the voicemail messages and produce transcripts of the voicemail messages;
  - a user selection component to allow a user to select at least one portion of at least one of the transcripts of the voicemail messages for delivery to one or more parties; and
  - a selection delivery component to provide the selected at least one portion of the at least one of the transcripts of the voicemail messages to the one or more parties.
22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the selected at least one portion of the at least one of the transcripts of the voicemail messages includes non-contiguous.
23. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the selection delivery component is configured to interface with a message server.
24. (New) The system of claim 23. wherein the message server is an electronic mail message server.